

Submission requirements

A single digital portfolio in PDF format, no larger than 60MB and no larger than 11x14". It may not contain more than 30 pages in total, excluding the cover page.

The competition theme is given as a basis for young architects and designers to reflect upon and reevaluate their work. A written statement not to exceed 250 words is required, which defines and considers the work under the rubric of the competition theme. Significant weight is given to how an applicant's work addresses the theme.

This is an anonymous competition. Submitted portfolios may not contain any form of identification. Including an entrant's name, firm name, or photograph anywhere in the portfolio is grounds for disqualification.

Competition deadline February 15, 2024

Entries must be received through our online platform by 11:59 pm EST. There will be no exceptions to this deadline.

Selection

Winning entrants will be notified by mid-March 2024.

Jury

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Call for entries

Young architects and designers are invited to submit work to the 2024 Architectural League Prize competition. Projects of all types, executed in any medium, are welcome. The jury will select work for presentation in lectures, digital media, and an exhibition in June 2024. Winners will receive a cash prize of \$2,000.

Established in 1981 to recognize visionary work by young practitioners, The Architectural League Prize for Young Architects + Designers is an annual competition organized by The Architectural League and its Young Architects + Designers Committee.

For more information about The Architectural League and work by past winners, please visit archleague.org/leagueprize.

Theme: Dirty

Dirt is matter: it is the soil, the ground, and the earth. But when dirt makes things dirty, they become unclean. To be dirty is not only a physical state of being; it is a moral position, as "dirty" subjects are understood to be vulgar, illicit, unpleasant, and improper. If cleanliness is next to godliness, dirtiness is debased.

This year's League Prize asks designers to look beyond their presentations of professionalism, respectability, and expertise. We prompt designers to expose the forces that shape design practice, projects, modes of representation, and communication. It's time to dish the dirt... How do you reject sanitized ways of working with the built, natural, and political environments? Show us your dirty ways and dirty things.

Eligibility

The competition is open only to current full-time residents (who need not be citizens) of the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Entrants must be ten years or less out of a bachelor's or master's degree program. Current students are ineligible.

For complete eligibility and submission requirements as well as detailed instructions on how to submit materials, please visit archleague.org/competition/LP24.

Entry fee

The entry fee is \$35-per-submission, which helps offset the competition and program expenses, to be paid via the online application platform.

